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Chapter 8. Mediation Program

IC 15-7-8-1

"Commissioner" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commissioner" refers to the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.

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Establishment of program

Sec. 2. The commissioner may establish a program pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 6991 et seq. (the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994) to provide procedures for mediating adverse decisions by agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.

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Certification

Sec. 3. The program may be certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.

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Financial assistance

Sec. 4. The commissioner may apply to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture for financial assistance for the operation and administration of the program.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.

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Rules for administration

Sec. 5. The commissioner may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are necessary to administer the program.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.

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Mediator approval

Sec. 6. (a) The commissioner must approve each mediator who serves in the program.

(b) Before a mediator may be approved, the commissioner shall provide adequate training to the mediator to ensure that the mediator:

- (1) has a reasonable expertise in agriculture, including a basic understanding of federal and state agricultural programs; and
- (2) is not biased, prejudiced, or personally interested in the outcome of a proceeding.

As added by P.L.139-1996, SEC.5.